

MAR 29 2006

Attorney Docket No. VPI/00-122 DIV2 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/626,356  
Confirmation No.: 1551  
Filing Date: July 24, 2003  
Examiner: Rebecca L. Anderson  
Group Art Unit: 1626  
Applicants: Michael R. Hale et al.  
For: ISOXAZOLE COMPOSITIONS USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF ERK

March 29, 2006  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

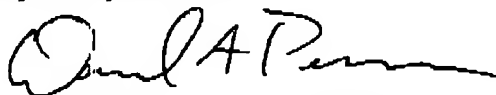
Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a two-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated November 3, 2005. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 3, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel A. Pearson, Reg. No. 58,053  
Agent for Applicants  
Karen E. Brown, Reg. No. 43,866  
Attorney for Applicants  
c/o Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated  
130 Waverly Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139  
Tel: (617) 444-6790  
Fax: (617) 444-6483

03/30/2006 MBINAS 00000036 500725 10626356  
01 FC:1252 450.00 DA